## What is Cal-Access?

California Automated Lobbying and Campaign Contribution & Expenditure Search System

Cal-Access is your window into the universe of campaign finance and lobbying at the California state government level.

For purposes of this primary election, one might want to determine who finances campaigns for and against state ballot propositions.

Who pays for the political ads on radio and television and for the political flyers crammed into your mailbox at election time?

Who pays to lobby state government on issues that affect all Californians?

Cal-Access provides the answers. Go to the Cal-Access website at <a href="http://cal-access.ss.ca.gov">http://cal-access.ss.ca.gov</a>, "click" on Campaign Finance or Lobbying Activity, and follow the money trail. A new option allows you to search across filings and produce summary reports. Click on "Advanced Reports" to use the new searchable database features. Suggestions on how to get the most data out of the system are at your fingertips.

The information is derived from electronically filed reports submitted by candidates, political action committees, political parties, ballot measure committees, major donors, lobbyists, lobbying firms, and lobbyist employers. Campaign organizations with receipts or expenditures of \$50,000 or more and lobbying entities with payments of \$5,000 or more are required to file electronically.

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